AN INVITATION TO COLOR THE WORLD'S MOST ANCIENT SCRIPT

BRAHMI

COLORING BOOK

Color this ancient letter. Then turn the page.

DILIP

ABOUT THIS BOOK

An ancient script born in India 2300 years ago.

Brahmi is one of the oldest writing systems ever discovered. Its letters were inscribed on stone pillars and rock faces across the Indian subcontinent by Emperor Ashoka.

From this single script, nearly every alphabet in South and Southeast Asia descends — Devanagari, Thai, Tibetan, and hundreds more.

These are the original letters.

Study of Brahmi

amplifies

the intelligence.

THE COMPLETE ALPHABET

45

characters in this book

12
VOWELS

33
CONSONANTS

Color each letter.

Say the sound aloud.

Let the ancient script come alive.

A NOTE ON COLOR

Use colors that align with the sense and geometry of the form.

Let round, open forms breathe in warm tones.

Let angular strokes find cool hues.

Let tall verticals rise in blues and deep greens.

There are no rules here.

Only attention.

Color.
Share.
Inspire.

Pass this book to someone who would love it.
Print extra copies. Share the digital file.

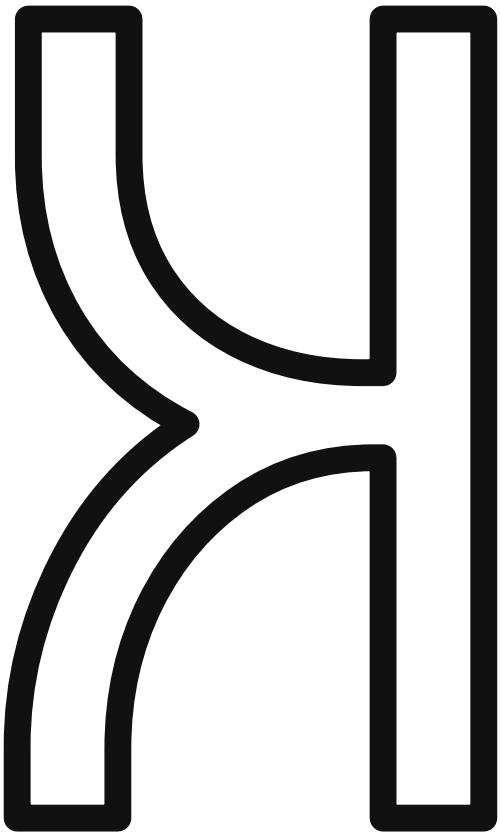
The more people who encounter Brahmi,
the richer our world becomes.

— Dilip

VOWEL

A

(A)



SAY IT

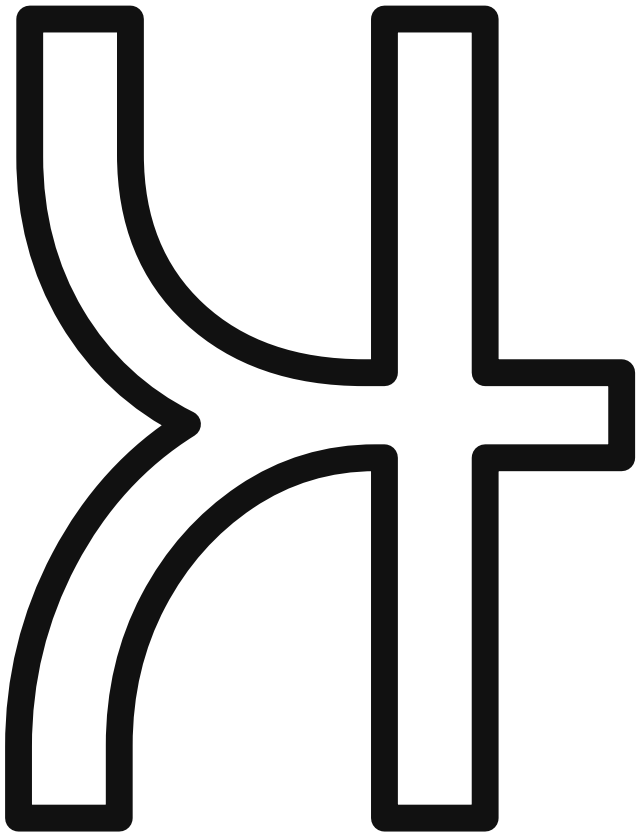
Short "a"

as in apple

VOWEL

Ā

(AA)



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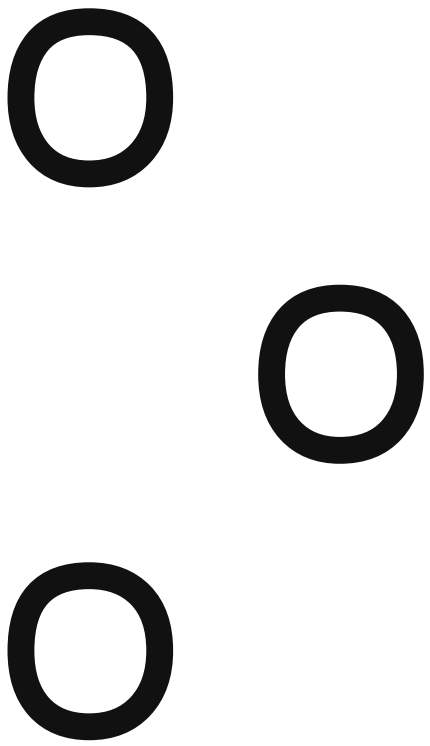
Long "aa"

as in fast

VOWEL

I

(I)



SAY IT

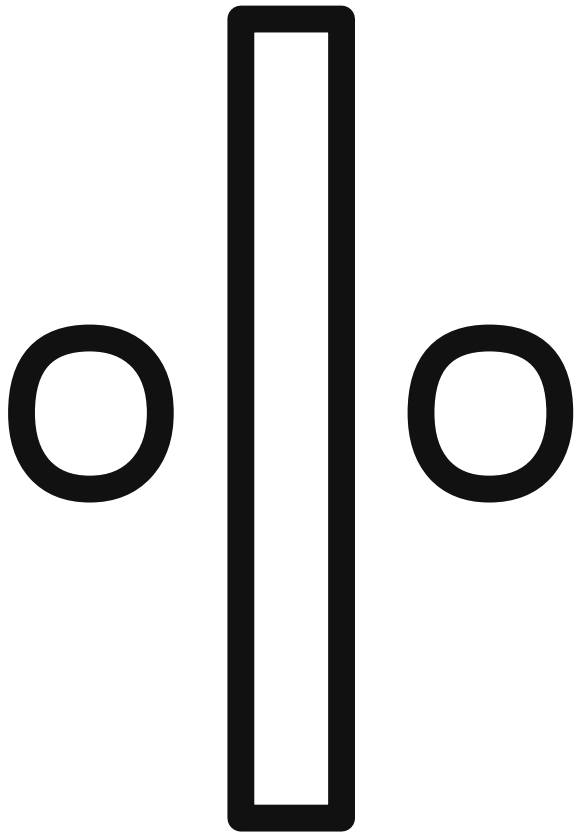
Short "i"

as in igloo

VOWEL

ī

(।।)



SAY IT

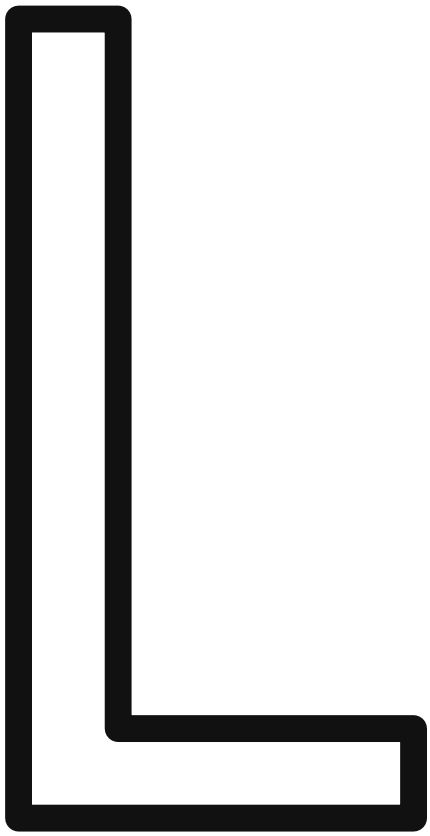
Long "ii"

as in feet

VOWEL

U

(U)



SAY IT

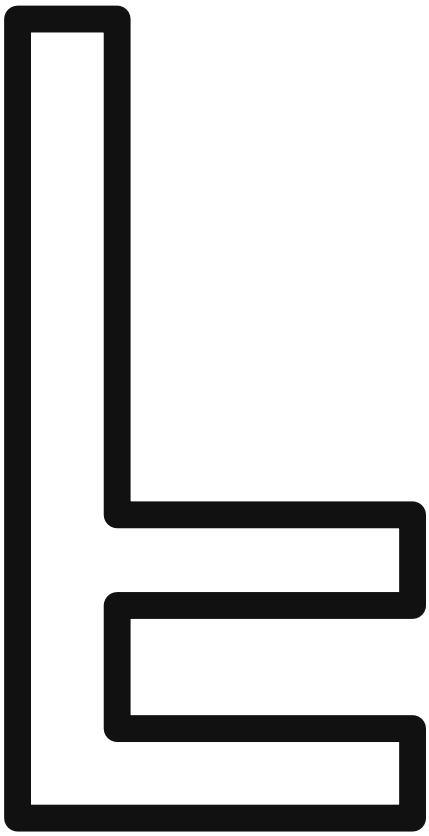
Short "u"

as in put

VOWEL

Ū

(UU)



SAY IT

Long "uu"

as in flute

VOWEL

ṛ

(RI)

SAY IT

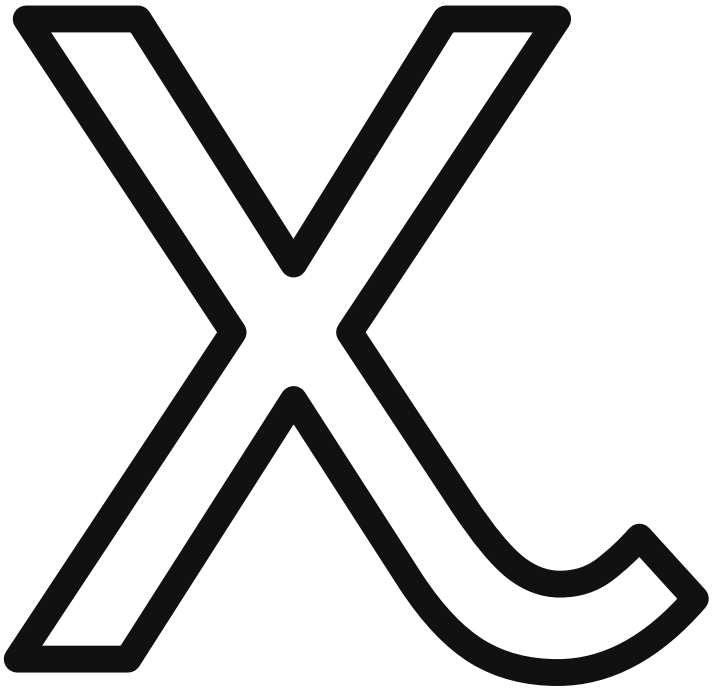
"ri"

as in river

VOWEL

Ļ

(LI)



SAY IT

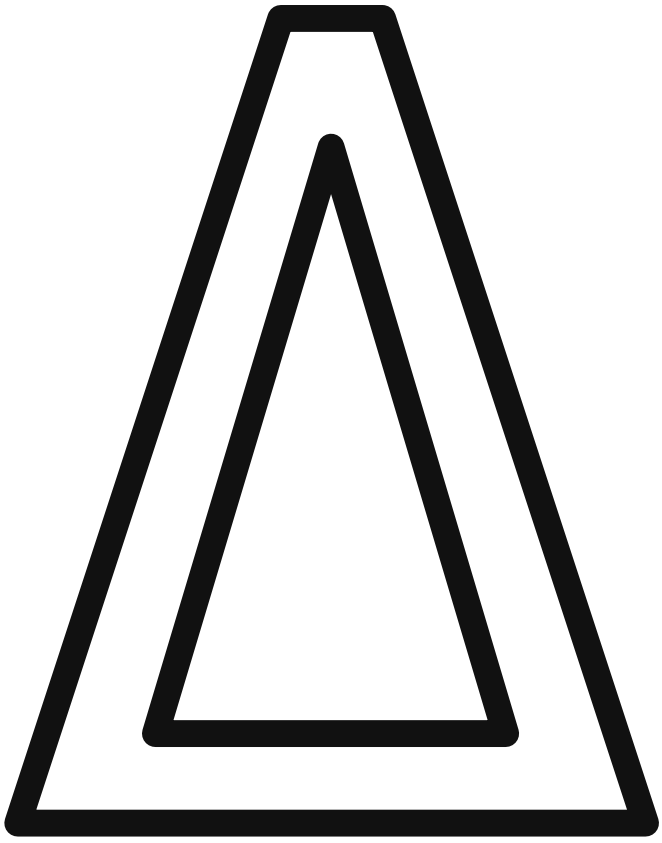
"lị"

a soft "l" vowel

VOWEL

E

(E)



SAY IT

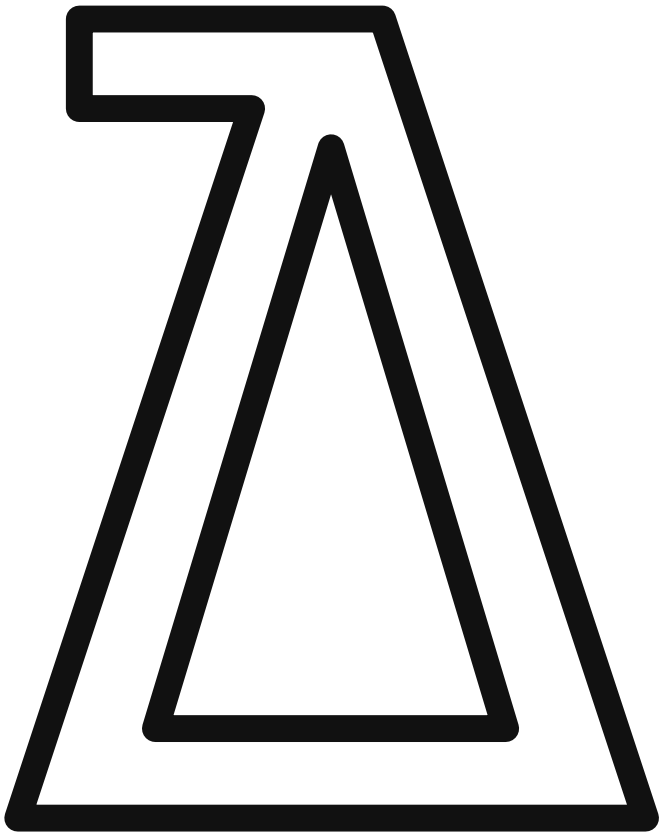
"e"

as in egg

VOWEL

AI

(AI)



SAY IT

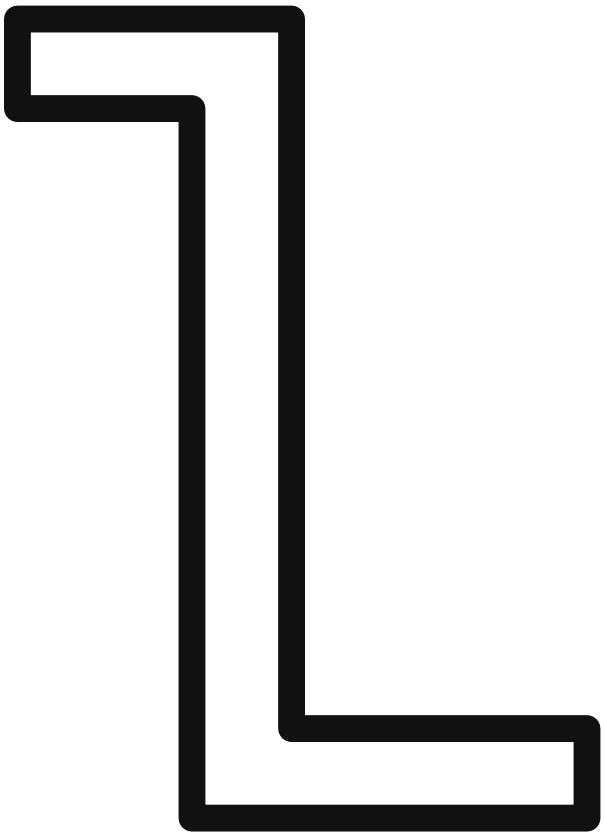
"ai"

as in rain

VOWEL

O

(O)



SAY IT

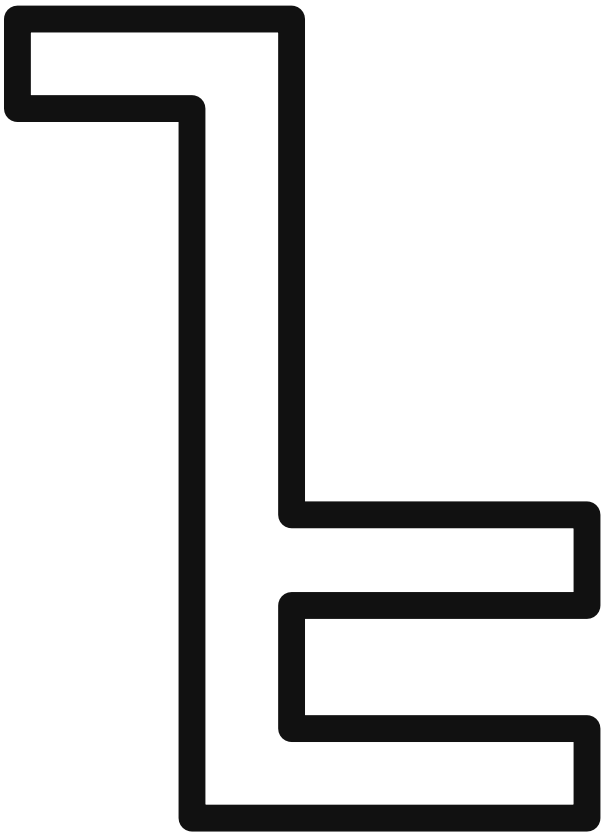
"o"

as in open

VOWEL

AU

(AU)



SAY IT

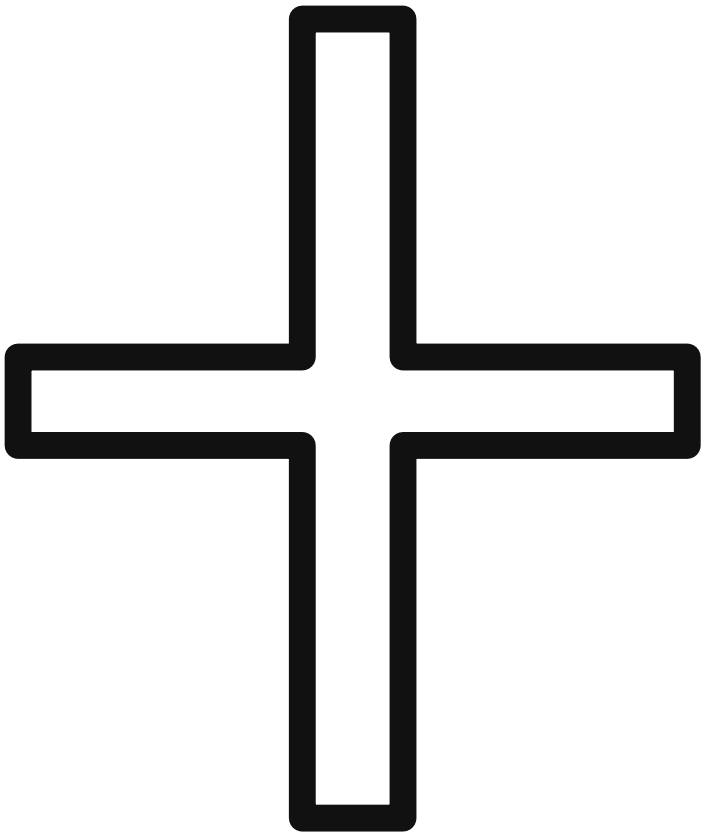
"au"

as in out

GUTTURAL

Ka

(KA)



SAY IT

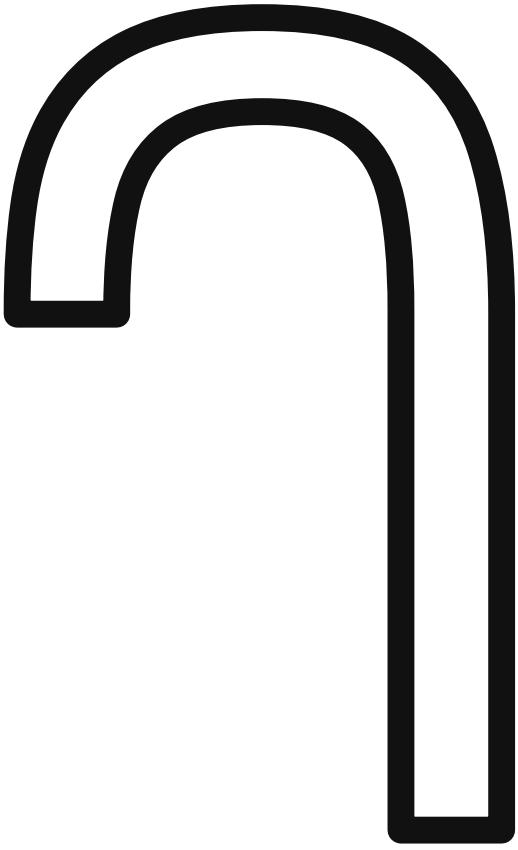
"kuh"

as in cat

GUTTURAL

Kha

(KHA)



SAY IT

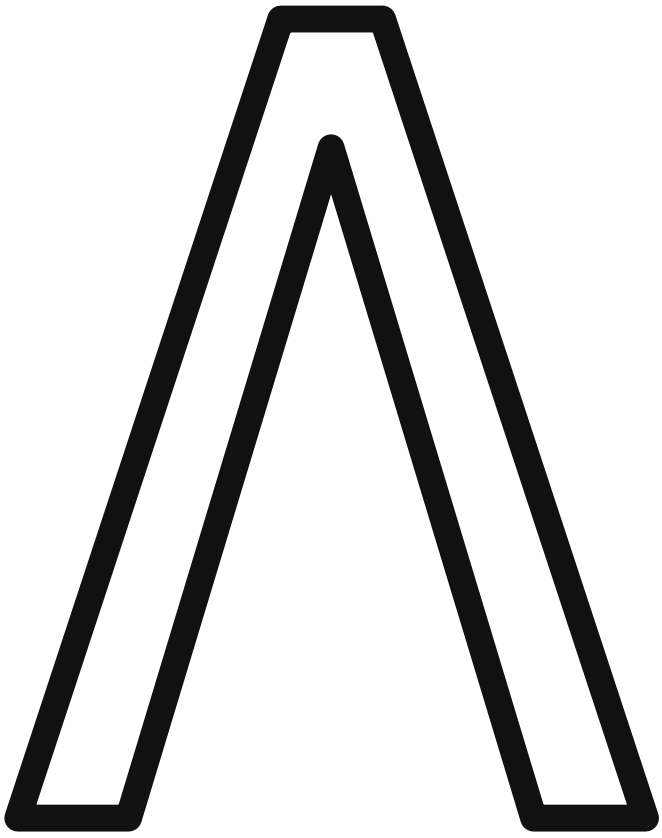
Breathy "kh"

as in khaki

GUTTURAL

Ga

(GA)



SAY IT

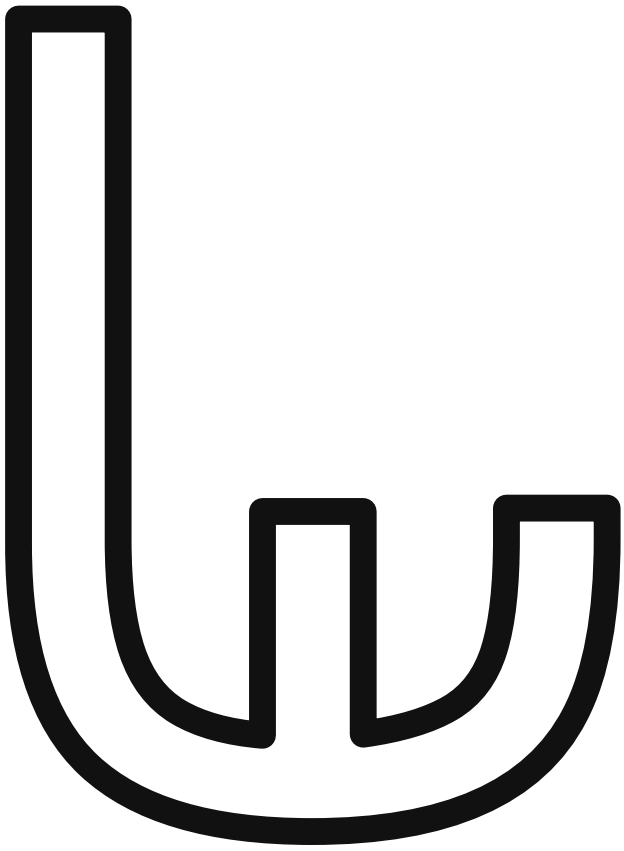
"guh"

as in goat

GUTTURAL

Gha

(GHA)



SAY IT

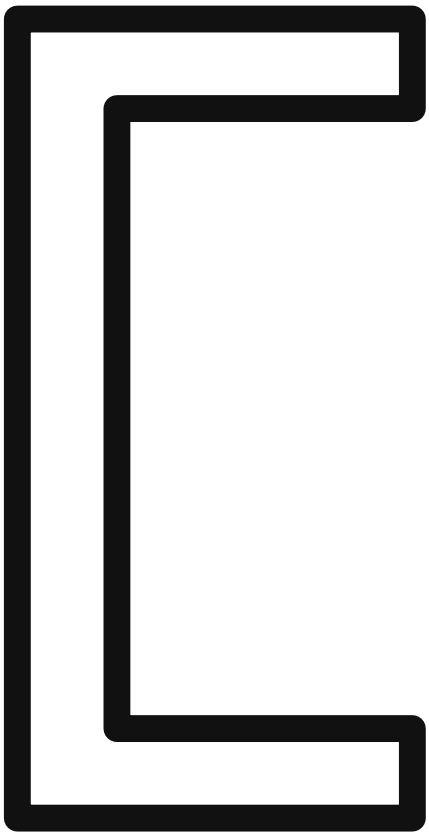
Breathy "gh"

as in doghouse

GUTTURAL

Ṅa

(NGA)



SAY IT

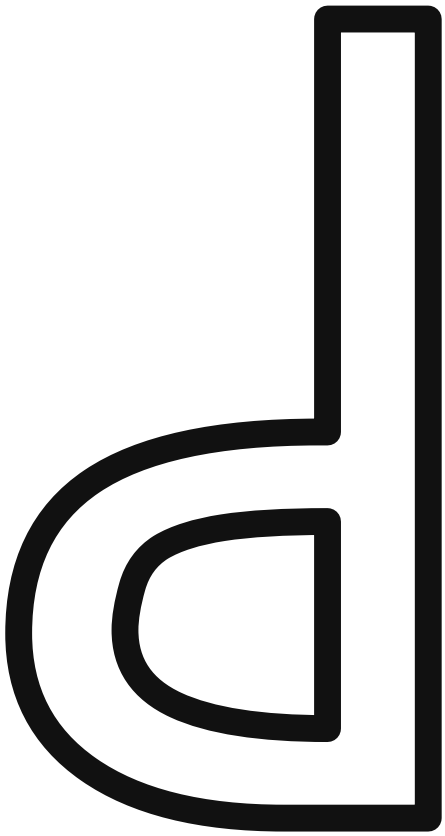
"ng"

as in sing

PALATAL

Ca

(CA)



SAY IT

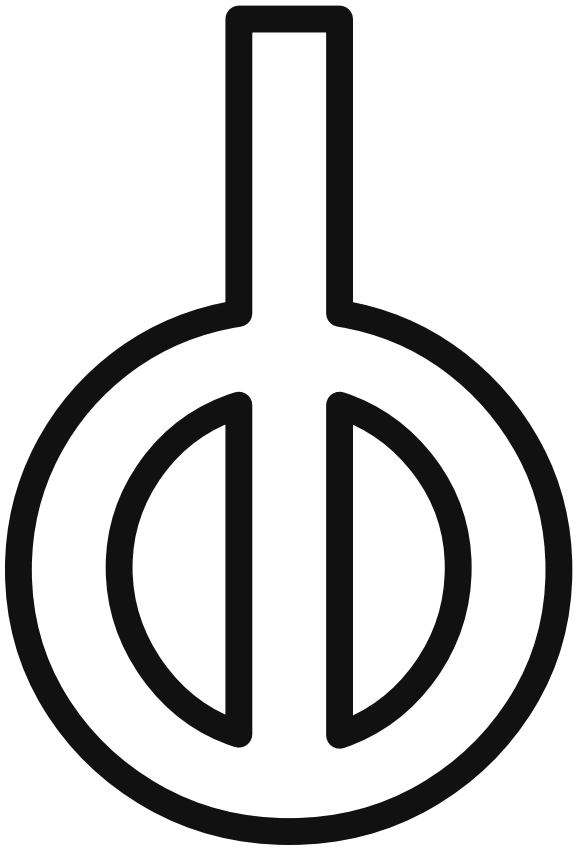
"chuh"

as in chair

PALATAL

Cha

(CHA)



SAY IT

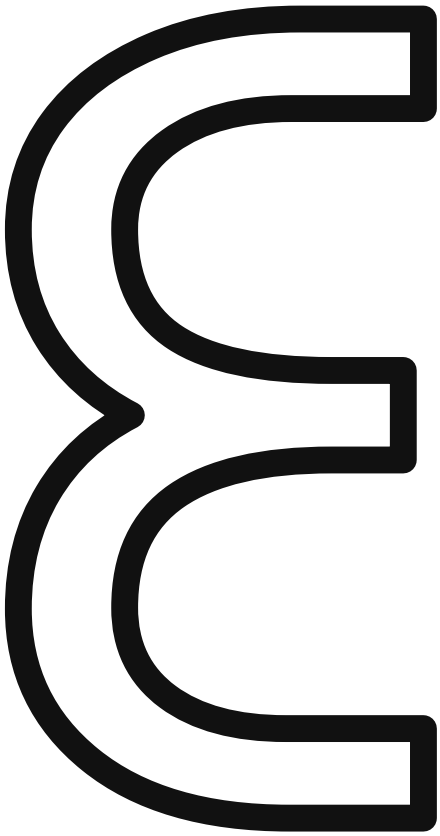
Breathy "ch"

as in church

PALATAL

Ja

(JA)



SAY IT

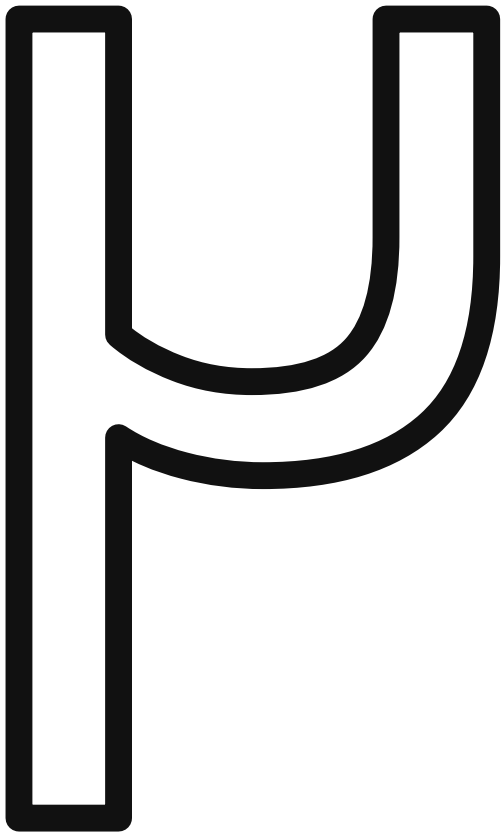
"juh"

as in jam

PALATAL

Jha

(JHA)



SAY IT

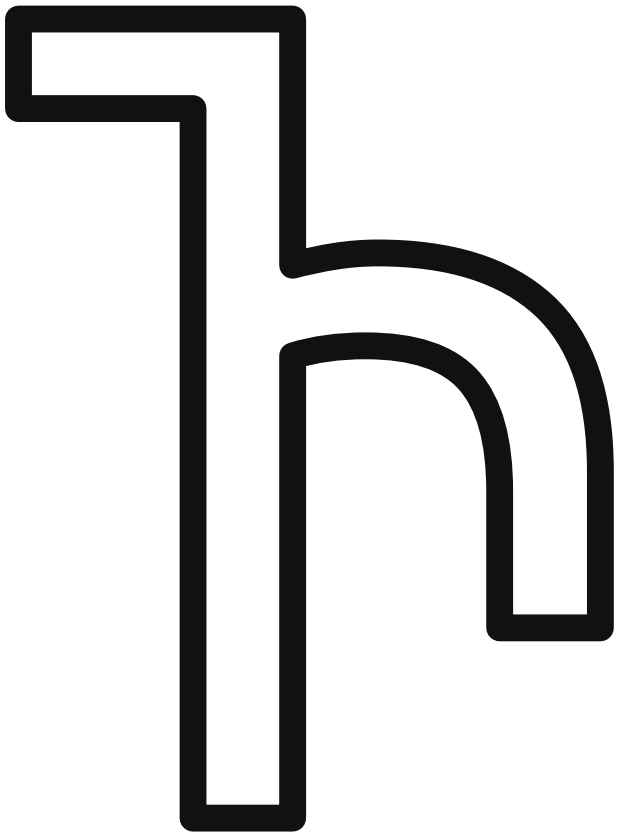
Breathy "jh"

as in hedgehog

PALATAL

Ña

(NYA)



SAY IT

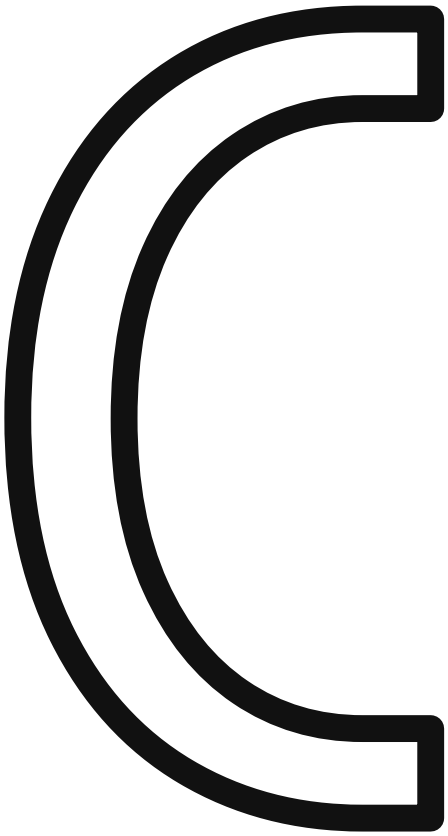
"nyuh"

as in onion

CEREBRAL

ṭa

(TTA)



SAY IT

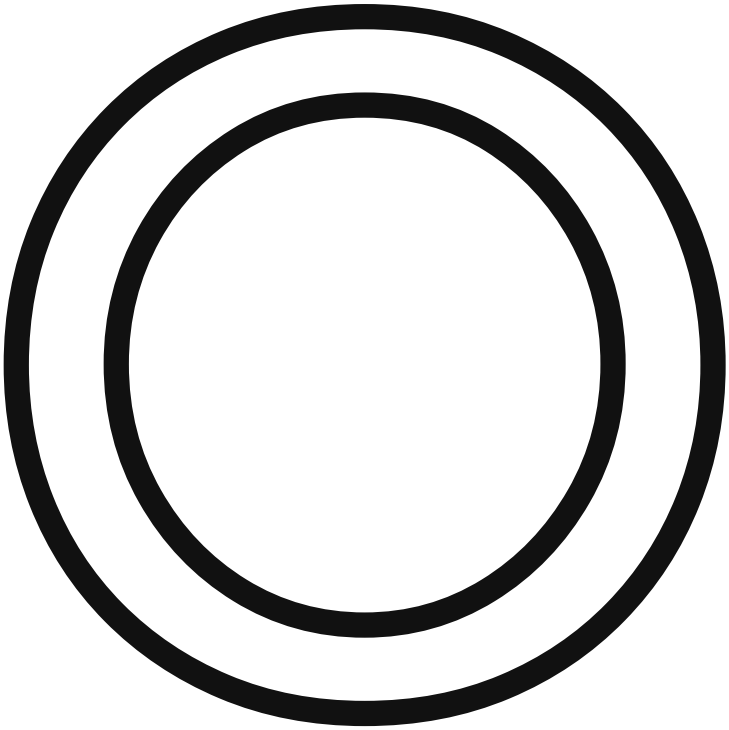
Hard "t"

tongue curls back

CEREBRAL

Ṭha

(TTHA)



SAY IT

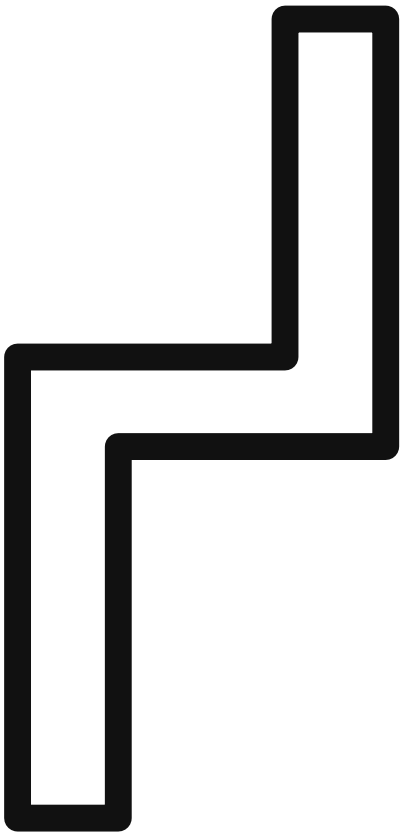
Breathy hard "t"

tongue curls back

CEREBRAL

ḍa

(DDA)



SAY IT

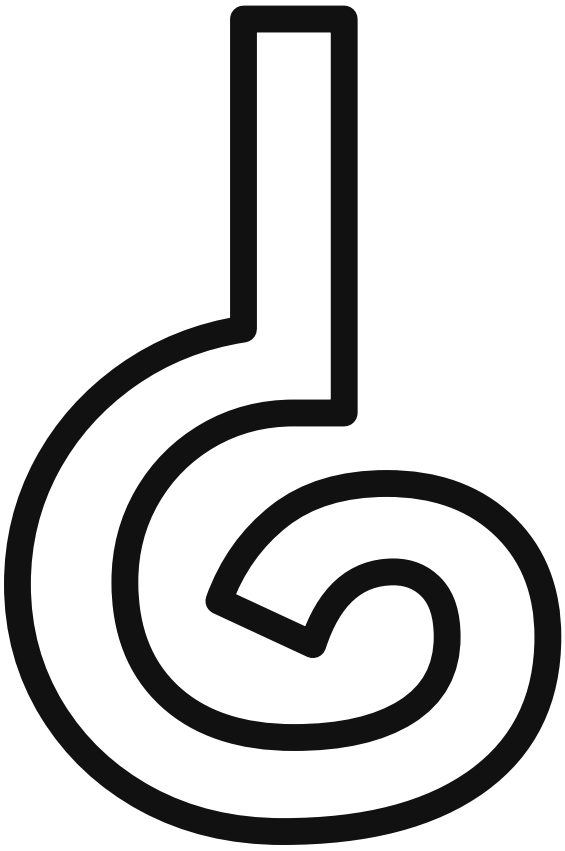
Hard "d"

tongue curls back

CEREBRAL

Ḍha

(DDHA)



SAY IT

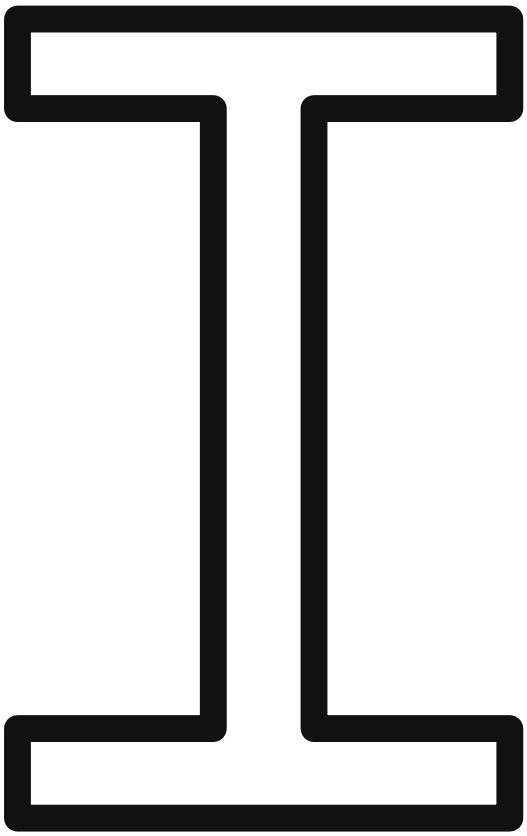
Breathy hard "d"

tongue curls back

CEREBRAL

ṇa

(NNA)



SAY IT

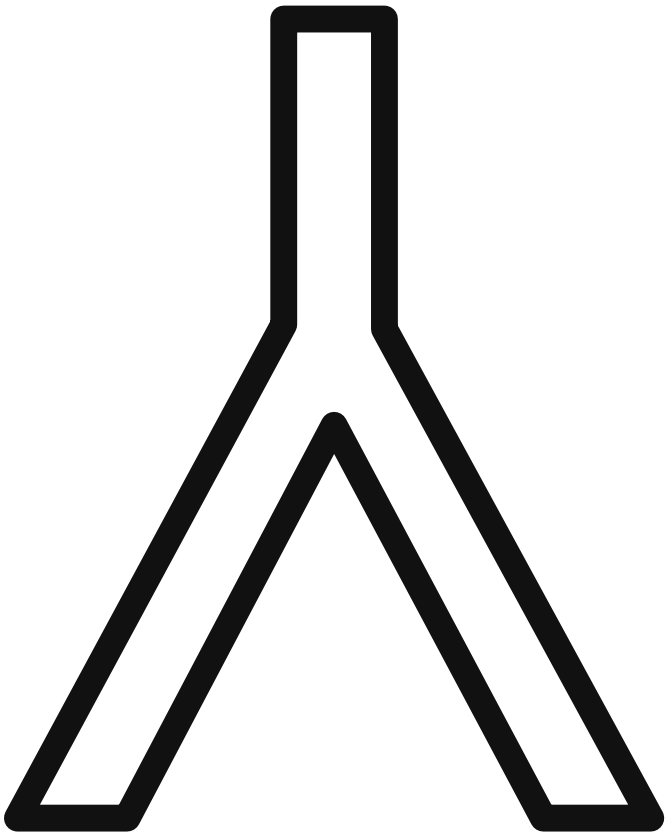
Hard "n"

tongue curls back

DENTAL

Ta

(TA)



SAY IT

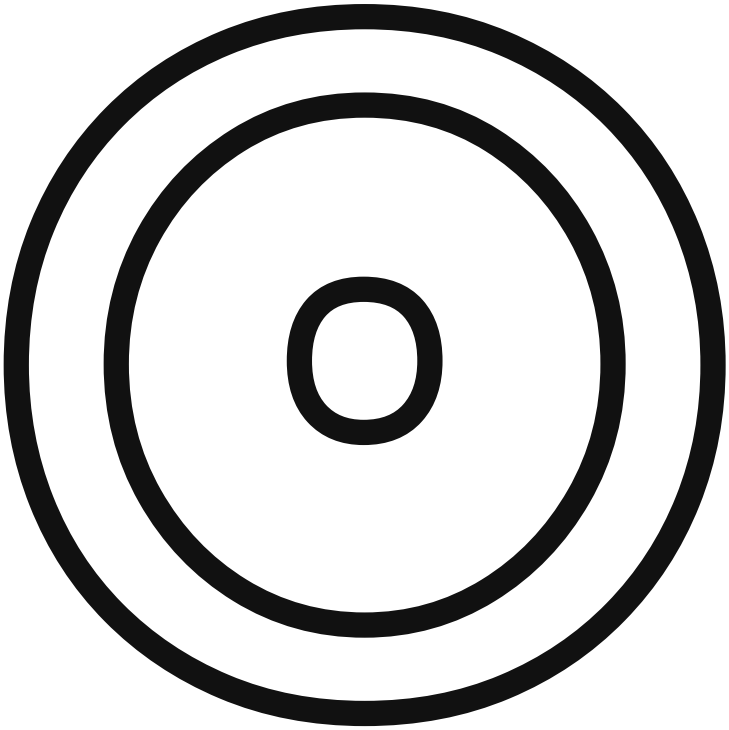
"tuh"

as in top

DENTAL

Tha

(THA)



SAY IT

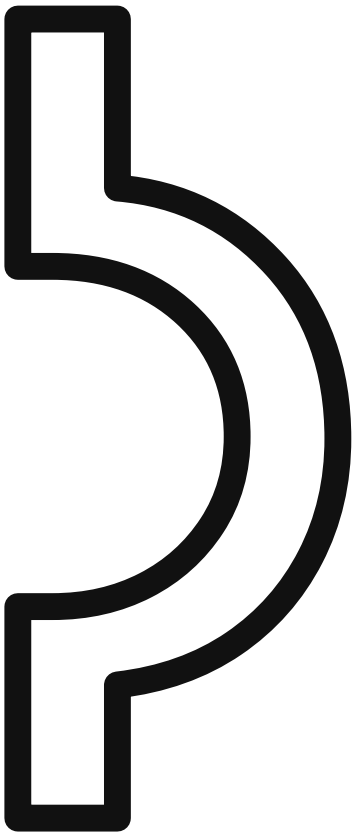
Breathy "th"

as in Thailand

DENTAL

Da

(DA)



SAY IT

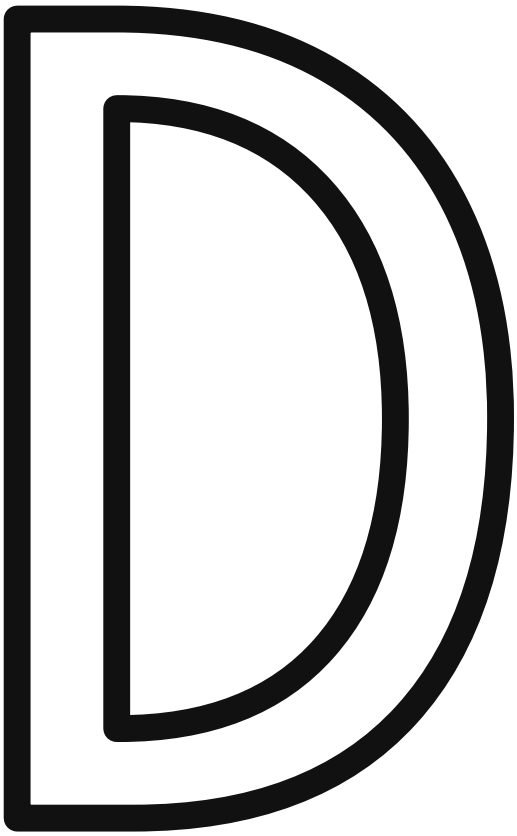
"duh"

as in dog

DENTAL

Dha

(DHA)



SAY IT

Breathy "dh"

as in madhouse

DENTAL

Na

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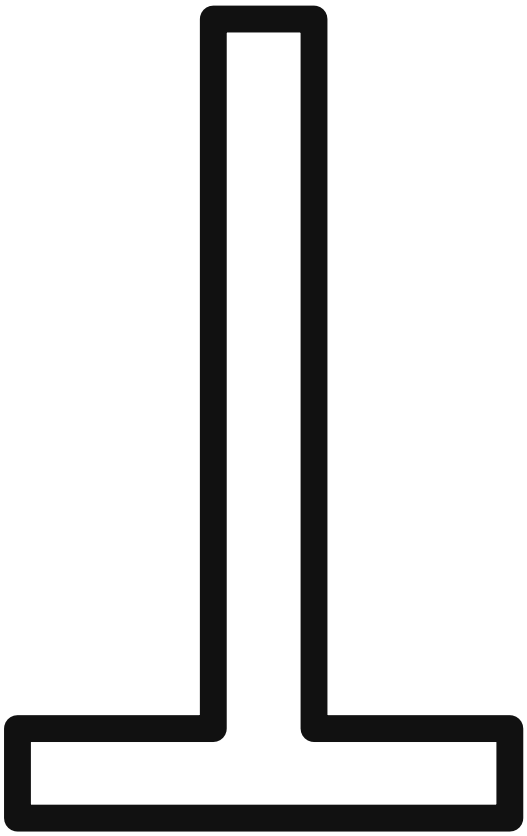


SAY IT

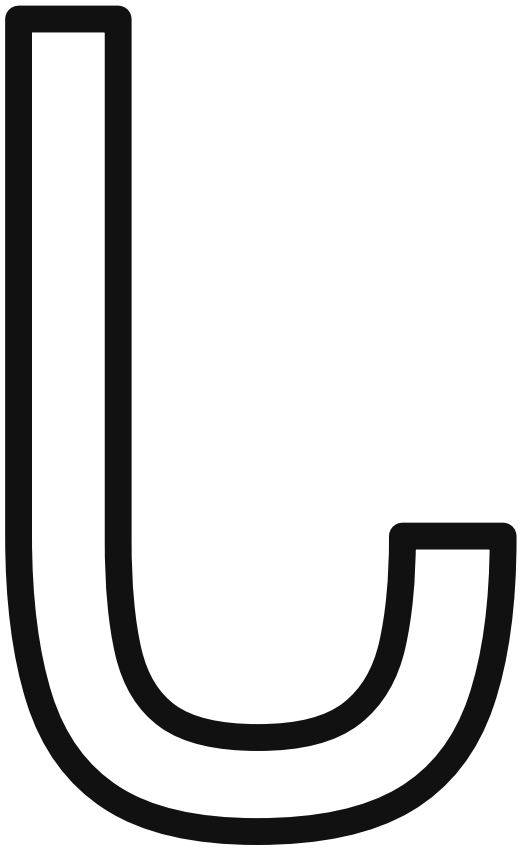
"nuh"

as in nose

LABIAL

Pa

(PA)



SAY IT

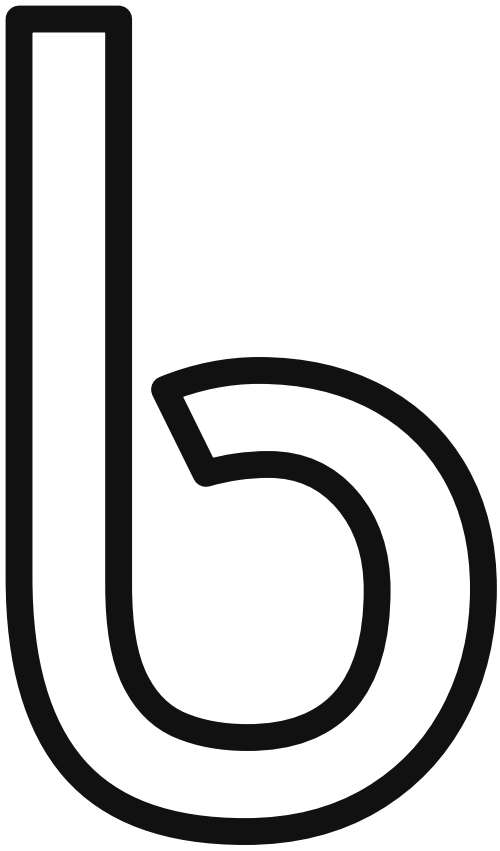
"puh"

as in pot

LABIAL

Pha

(PHA)



SAY IT

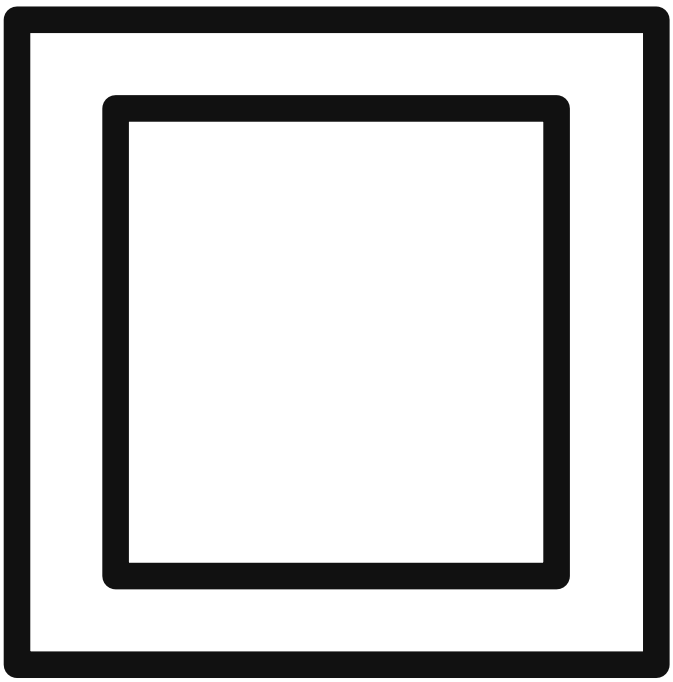
Breathy "ph"

as in uphill

LABIAL

Ba

(BA)



SAY IT

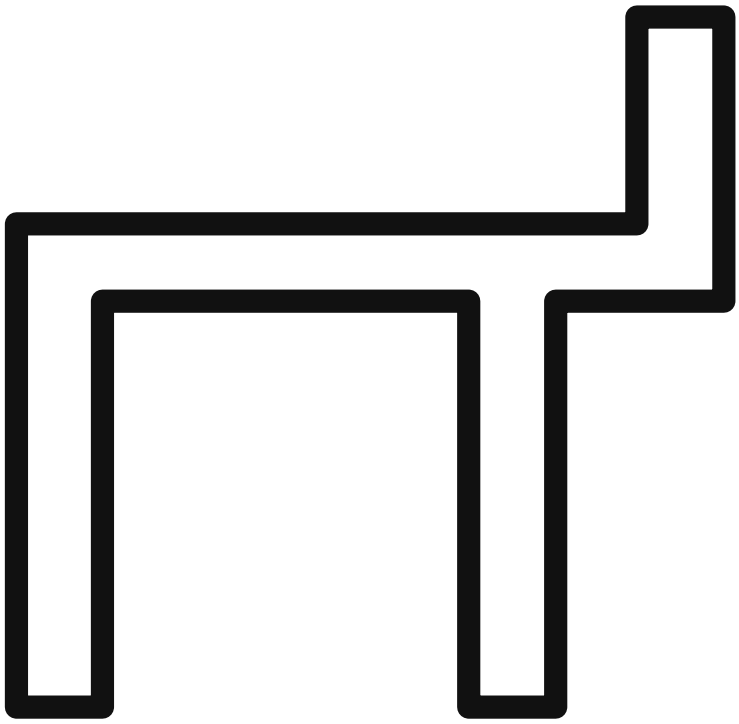
"buh"

as in bat

LABIAL

Bha

(BHA)



SAY IT

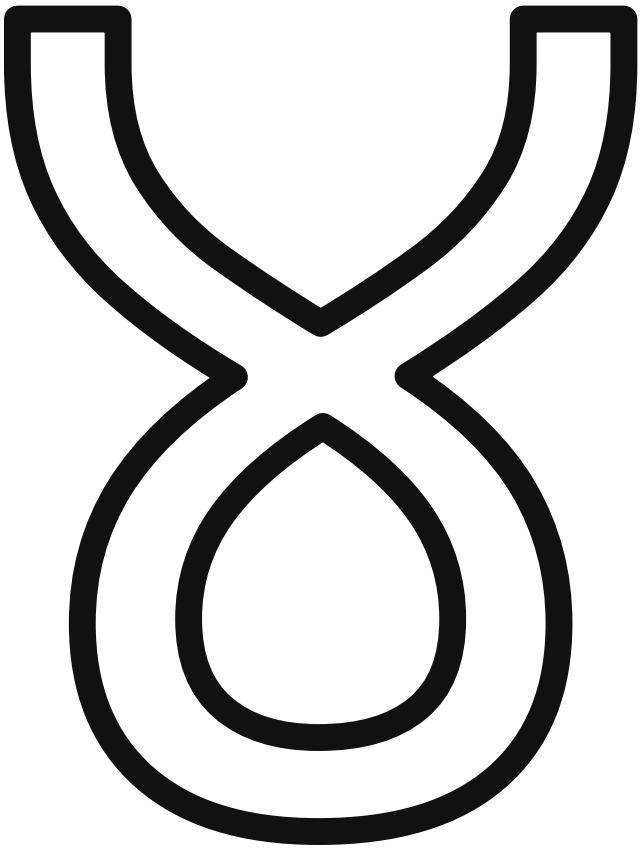
Breathy "bh"

as in clubhouse

LABIAL

Ma

(MA)



SAY IT

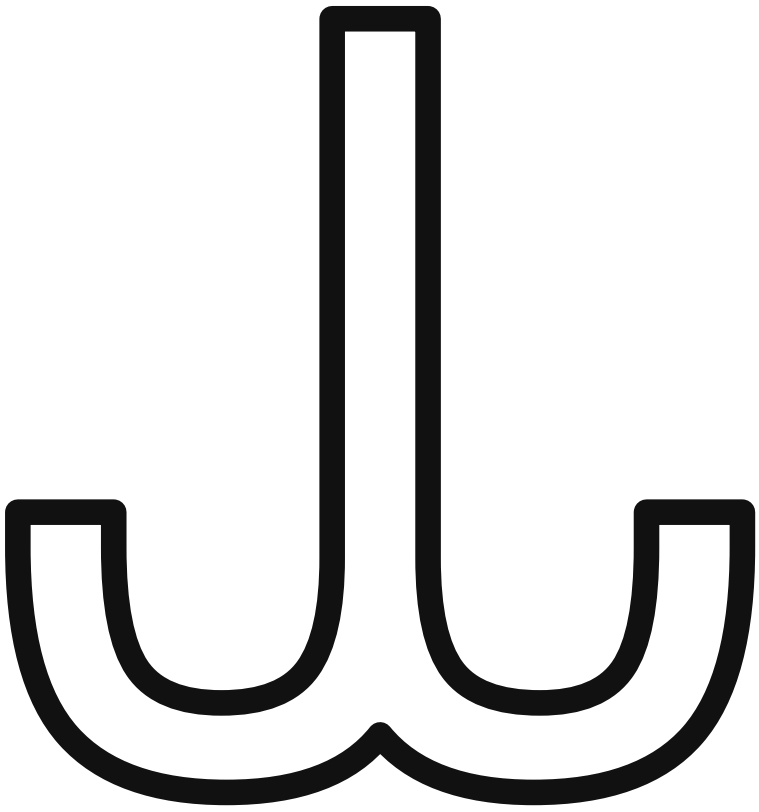
"muh"

as in mind

SEMIVOWEL

Ya

(YA)



SAY IT

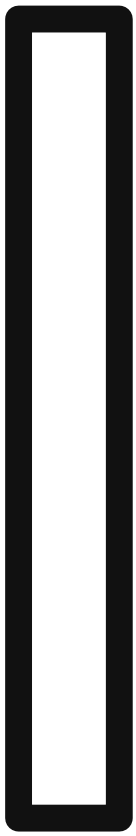
"yuh"

as in yes

SEMIVOWEL

Ra

(RA)



SAY IT

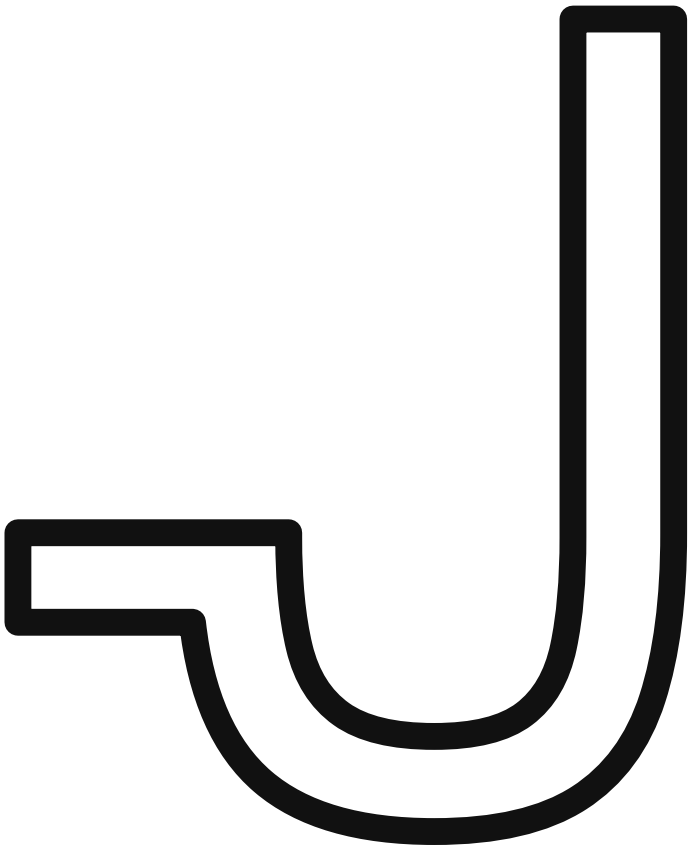
"ruh"

as in run

SEMIVOWEL

La

(LA)



SAY IT

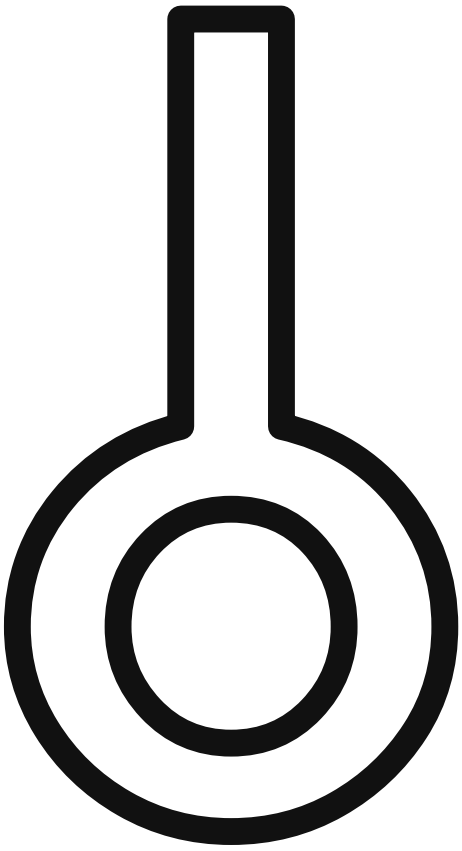
"luh"

as in lamp

SEMIVOWEL

Va

(VA)



SAY IT

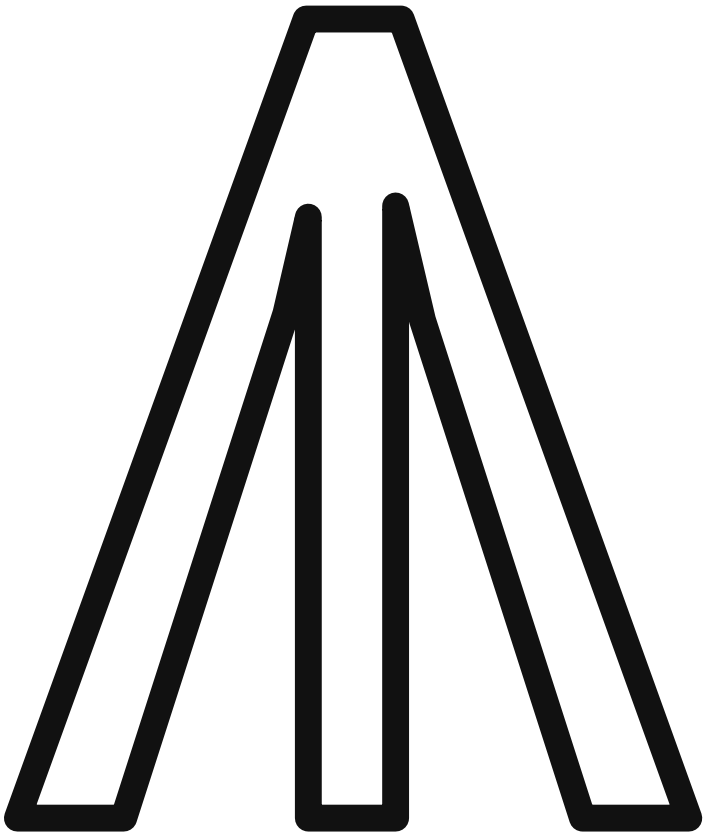
"vuh"

as in van

SIBILANT

Śa

(SHA)



SAY IT

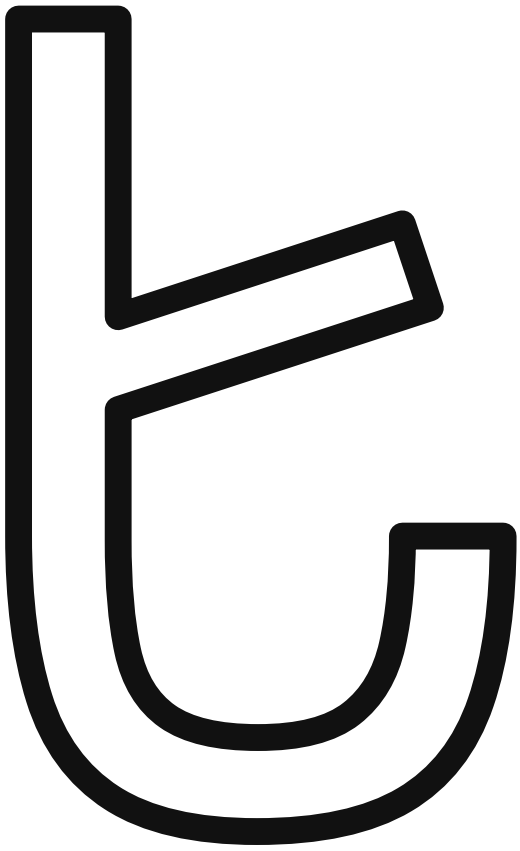
"shuh"

as in sheep

SIBILANT

Ṣa

(SSA)



SAY IT

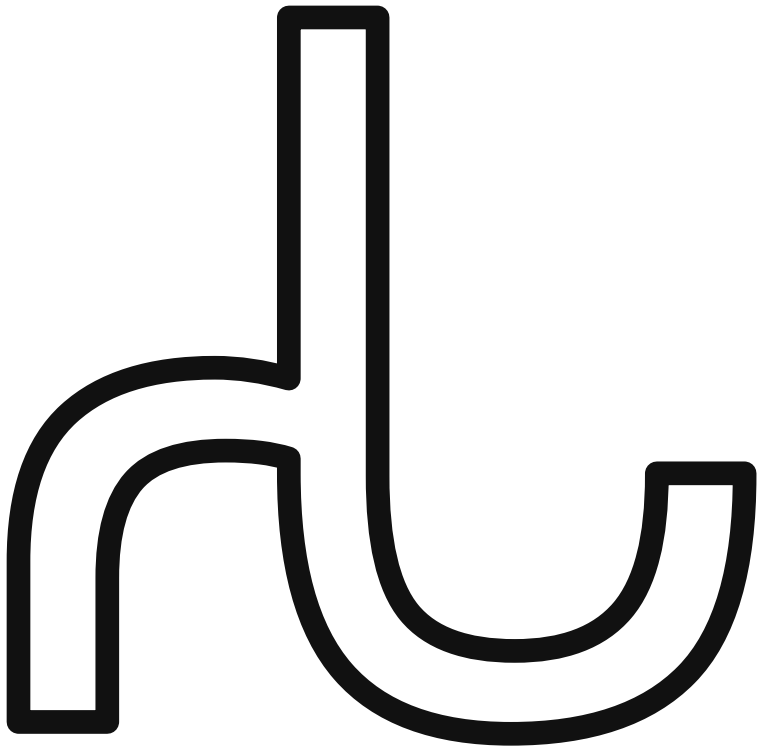
"sh" (hard)

tongue curls back

SIBILANT

Sa

(SA)



SAY IT

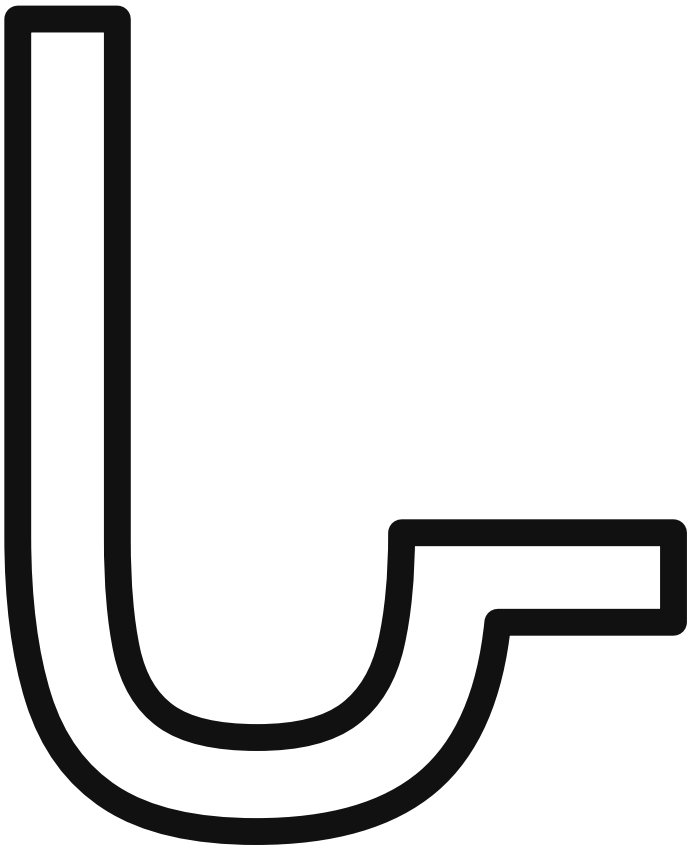
"suh"

as in sun

ASPIRATE

Ha

(HA)



SAY IT

"huh"

as in hat

YOU HAVE REACHED THE END.

You have colored the letters that shaped a civilization.

These 45 characters — vowels and consonants —
were carved into stone over 2300 years ago.
Today, they live again in your hands.

Print extra copies.
Give this book to a child, a teacher, a friend.
Every person who colors these letters
keeps an ancient world alive.

— Dilip